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REMARKS: *He doesn't say so but*
Are we in a position to 25X1
say what we can do on
this program in the summer?
Comment attached

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FORM NO.

Recommend our approach be
toward experimentation next
summer at Vienna, with
one or two WISC monitors
assigned there. Might involve
filling third editorial position.

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Might make sure in
meantime that Cyprus
can't handle equally well.

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[REDACTED]
F.B.I.S.,
2430 E Street, N.W.,
Washington 25, D.C.

23rd October 1952

Dear Warfield,

Many thanks for your letter of 3rd October. I send you herewith the list of Eastern European broadcasts that we have been having difficulty with at Caversham. We cannot at the moment give you their reception rating because this has been the difficult period of the year when many of them have not been received. This question of the reception rating in terms of the symbols as used by F.B.I.S. is, I know, an old one which has been discussed before and there is a certain resistance to it here, but I will look into it fully between now and the time I come over so that we can talk about it ~~fully~~ then.

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Thank you also for saying that you approve of the idea of someone like [REDACTED] going over to Frankfurt and Vienna. I think, however, the best thing is to wait until you and I have had a talk about the matter and then let him go later if necessary. There is no urgency because it is only in the summer that the problem arises.

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I am afraid that I have never done more than merely acknowledge your letter of 4th September which [REDACTED] signed and in which the proposed points for our agenda were set out. I entirely agree and they are all matters which I shall be very glad to discuss. I do not suppose you want me to comment on them at this stage except perhaps to say that with regard to No.6 - since Wynne told me that our attitude on this matter had given you anxiety at one time - I do not think we shall have any difficulty in agreeing. The only worry seems to me to be the increasing amount of traffic which our communications system is having to bear.

The only points that I want to raise myself other than those you have mentioned are this question of possible co-operation with Frankfurt and Vienna and also the re-arrangement of the liaison system on our side. Roughly speaking the proposal would be to withdraw the last remaining permanent liaison

officer at Cyprus, and to have instead a series of short visits to all your stations so that we can keep in touch with your problems and make know our own needs as time goes by. I think this would be more economical in the long run and a more satisfactory arrangement.

I am waiting to hear from you the exact date you want me to be in Washington and am holding myself in readiness to be there about 1st December. I am very much looking forward to meeting you and to my first visit to the United States. I leave for Cyprus the day after tomorrow and shall be able to give you firsthand news of your people there.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R.D. Marriott', written in a cursive style.

R.D. Marriott

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SATELLITE HOME SERVICE BROADCASTS UNSATISFACTORILY RECEIVED AT CAVERSHAMCZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE

During the summer months, Prague daylight bulletins are, at times, unsatisfactorily received at Caversham, but it is only on rare occasions that they are lost altogether. Bulletins affected this summer were:

1200 (Not Su)	News	272-638-1286-1520-953
1800	News and Newsreel	11

BRATISLAVA

The following bulletins are lost throughout the summer months:

0610 (Not Su)	Preview	1097-1484-701-1232
0645 (Su)	News	1097-1484-701-1232
1500 (Not Su)	News	1097-1484-701-1232
1815	Radio Journal	1097-1484-701-1232

HUNGARY

Reception of Budapest daylight bulletins is, on the whole, unreliable during the summer months. No bulletin is lost entirely, i.e. for any lengthy period, but at times reception deteriorates quite considerably.

The bulletins affected are:

0430	News and Press Material	1340-1250-539
0545	'Szabad Nep' material	ditto
0645 (Not Su)	Production News	ditto
0700 (Su)	News and Press Review	ditto
1100	News and Radio Journal Weekdays	ditto
1230 (Su)	Radio Journal	ditto
1300	Weather Report	ditto
1600	News ("Replies to Questions on Foreign Policy" Thursdays)	ditto
1900	News and Radio Journal Weekdays	ditto

POLAND

Caversham reception of Warsaw daylight bulletins deteriorates noticeably during the summer months. Certain Warsaw II and Regional bulletins become completely unmonitorable, but Warsaw I broadcasts are, on the whole, less affected.

The following Polish Home bulletins are lost entirely during the summer months:

WARSAW II	1502-1484-1367-1304-1259-1205-1019-818-737
0900 (Su)	News and Press Review
1600	News and occasionally Feature
1830 (Not Su)	Actualities
WARSAW REGIONAL	
1520 (Not Su)	Regional material 818 hrs
SZCZECIN	1259 KCS
1520 (Not Su)	Regional material

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WARSAW I

Bulletins suffering from unreliable reception during the summer months are:

0600	News
X 1104	News and Press Review except Mondays
1500	News
1700 (not Su)	Feature or Commentary
1858	Weather Report
X 1900	News and Commentary

(Bulletins marked X are affected to a lesser extent)

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Frankfurt

Reception during daylight hours of Czech and Slovak transmitters is very poor under existing conditions. Vienna reports good results from Czech stations and poor to fair reception from Slovak transmitters. Evening reception of the main Czech network program is fair at both bureaus. Bratislava is received with poor to fair signal at both bureaus. The powerful long wave station at Prague, 272 kilocycles, is not monitored by either bureau so no evidence is available as to reception at Frankfurt or Vienna. Due to its high power (200 kilowatts) it would probably be well received.

The only Hungarian or Polish station listed as monitorable in the German Bureau's reception survey report is Wroclaw with a "3" rating. It relays most of the important Warsaw news periods, however. Other stations were heard weakly during daylight hours. No report has been received from Austria on this station, but reception would probably be no better than at Frankfurt.

Frankfurt reports negative results on Hungarian broadcasts during daylight hours. No help could be given BBC here without improvement of antennae. Austria could possibly help but no ratings are available here.

It is doubtful that under existing conditions any regular monitoring of European stations more than 200 miles from either bureau would be feasible at this time. However, some improvement over BBC monitoring of Czech and Slovak stations during period March to September would be observed.

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